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SUBJ: TORRIJOS ATTENDS CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS CONCLAVE
IN VENEZUELA

1. PANAMANIAN CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY DECEMBER 10 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LIMA, PERU THAT HE WOULD BE FLYING DIRECTLY TONIGHT OR TOMORROW, UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THE BATTLE OF AYACUCHO CEREMONIES, TO VENEZUELA TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE AT PUERTO ORDAZ TO WHICH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ HAS INVITED THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF PANAMA AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE DECEMBER 12-13 CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE PRICING OF RAW MATERIALS AND POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. TORRIJOS LAUGHED OFF REPORTS THAT THE AIRCRAFT IN WHICH HE WAS FLYING, AN ELECTRA TURBO-PROP NEWLY ACQUIRED BY THE PANAMANIAN AIR FORCE, HAD SUFFERED AN "ATTACK". HE EXPLAINED THAT A SECURITY GUARD HAD ACCIDENTALLY FIRED A BULLET INTO THE TAIL, CAUSING ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. THE SAME PLANE WOULD BE USED FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT.

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